

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1932.

## Ascension Day.

Thursday, May 5th, will be Ascension Day. Services will be held as follows in the Parish Church:—11.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon. The day of our Lord's Ascension into heaven, forty days after his Resurrection from the dead, has been observed as one of the great Church Festivals from the beginning of Christianity. Proper Psalms and Lessons are appointed for the day. Psalm viii. is a song of praise for creation and the appointment of Man to be lord of this world. In a prophetic sense it sets forth the mercy of God in exalting our Human Nature fulfilled when the Son of God took our nature and ascended with it to heaven. Psalm xv. shows how justly our Saviour as the perfect Man ascended to the holy hill of God. The Collect is of very ancient origin and is taken from the Service Book of Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury in A.D. 1085. The ten days intervening between Ascension Day and Whitsunday are often called Expectation Week.

## The Rogation Days.

The three days preceding Ascension Day are known as Rogation Days. "Rogation" means praying for or asking. They are the days when people are admonished to give thanks to God in the beholding of His benefits, for the increase and abundance of His fruits upon the face of the earth. Psalm civ. is the Rogation Psalm.

## Rogation Sunday.

Sunday, May 1st, being Rogation Sunday, the Services in the Parish Church will have special reference to God's blessing on the crops which are being sown in the fields.

## Whitsunday.

Sunday, May 15th, being Whitsunday, the following Services will be held in the Parish Church.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offerings on Whitsunday will be on behalf of Seagoe Parochial Schoolhouse. The Festival of Whitsuntide corresponds with the Jewish Feast of Pentecost. In Reformation times Whitsunday, June 9, 1549, was chosen as the day on which the Book of Common Prayer in English was first used. The Psalms, Lessons, Hymns and Collects for Whitsunday all commemorate the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, God the Holy Ghost.

## CLERGY :

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

## Trinity Sunday.

Sunday, May 22nd, will be Trinity Sunday, the day on which we commemorate the great truth of the Tri-une God.

## Service of Song.

A very attractive Service of Song will be given in Drumgor Church Hall on Thursday, May 19th, at 8 p.m. The title of the Service is "The Riversingers." The music is very attractive and illustrates a beautiful and touching story. The Edenderry choristers who gave the Service last year in the Parochial Hall have kindly consented to repeat the Service in Drumgor. The Service will be illustrated by lantern slides. Tickets, one shilling each, are now on sale. The proceeds of the Service are on behalf of Drumgor Sunday School Prize Fund.

## The Van Mission.

The Church Army Van Mission held in Edenderry Parochial Hall from April 5th to April 19th was attended by large numbers. Captain Stevenson and Cadet Moore, by their heart-searching addresses on Christian Life and Worship have brought spiritual help to many. The large attendance at the early Celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday, April 18th, in the Parish Church was a testimony to the faithfulness of their work. The Children's Services were a splendid part of the Mission. The children made a presentation to Cadet Moore at the close of the Mission on the occasion of his leaving the Parish. Miss Hilda Walker helped greatly at the Mission by acting as organist.

## Mission at Drumgor.

The van was drawn out to Drumgor on Monday, April 19th, by Mr. M'Clements's powerful lorry. Edenderry looked quite lonely without it. The Mission began in Drumgor Church Hall on Tuesday April 20th. Cadet Williams has ably assisted Captain Stevenson at Drumgor. The Services have been well attended and much interest has been taken in the Mission. The Misses Gracey kindly conducted the musical part of the services.

**Future Missions.**

We hope to have a ten days Church Army Mission in Carne Church Hall, beginning on Monday, May 2nd, at 8 p.m., and concluding on Wednesday, May 11th.

**Mission in Levaghery.**

Arrangements have been made for a C. A. Mission in Levaghery, beginning on Thursday, May 12th, in Levaghery School at 8 p.m. and concluding on Sunday, May 29th.

**C. A. Route March.**

A six weeks Church Army Route March (p.v.) start from Shankill Parish Church, Lurgan, on Monday, May 30th, at 3.30 p.m. The Lord Bishop will be present and the route marchers will go in different directions, one band of marchers goes to Portrush, and the other via Seagoe, to Newcastle, Co. Down. The latter will leave Lurgan at 3.30 p.m. and march to Seagoe Parish Church, arriving about 5 p.m., when a short reception service will be held. They will then have tea in the Parochial Hall, after which they will visit in the neighbouring streets and hold an open-air service. This will be followed by a service in the Parochial Hall. The eight Church Army marchers will sleep in the Hall. On Tuesday at 8 a.m. there will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Church, after which breakfast will be partaken of in the Parochial Hall. At about 10 a.m. the marchers will leave Seagoe Parish for St. Mark's Parish. Their next stopping place will be St. Saviour's Parish, at the Dobbin. We hope that many of our parishioners will accompany the route marchers. They will enter Seagoe Parish at the milestone on the Lurgan Road near Well's corner.

**C.L.B. Parade Service.**

On Sunday, May 8th, Seagoe C.L.B. will attend the evening service on parade at 7 p.m.

**Death of Johnston Crossen.**

Much regret is expressed in Seagoe at the death of one of our oldest residents, Mr. Johnston Crossen. His familiar figure will be much missed. In old days he was much associated with Seagoe Parish and often worked at the Rectory for Archdeacon Saurin. He had reached a great age and had many stories to tell of past days in Seagoe. He retained his strength of body and mind in a wonderful way to the very end.

**The Choral Festival.**

The annual Choral Festival in which Seagoe Choir joins will be held (p.v.) in Knocknamuckley Parish Church on Saturday, May 21st, at 4.30 p.m. A rehearsal will be held at 3 p.m.

**Seagoe Mothers' Union.**

On Tuesday evening, May 10th, a meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Seagoe School at 7.30. At our last meeting held on April 12th, Mrs. Bullock, of Portadown, gave a most interesting and helpful address to the members. The Rev. W. F. Hayes and Mr. Bullock were also present.

**Thanks.**

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. T. D. Gibson, M.A., solicitor, who carried out the legal arrangements connected with the purchase of the garden plot beside the Church without charging the fees to which he was entitled. On every occasion Mr. Gibson has been very kind in connection with similar matters concerning the Parish and on behalf of the parishioners we offer him our hearty thanks.

**St. Donard's Concert.**

We hope in our next issue to publish the receipts and expenditure in connection with the St. Donard's concert. The Rev. R. Gracey has written to say how much the St. Donard's people enjoyed their visit and kindly offering to help us again in the future.

**The Musical Festival.**

The Portadown Festival was a great success and several of our young Seagoe musicians took a leading part in the competitions.

**Seagoe P.E. School.**

Miss Matchett has entered upon her duties as Assistant Teacher in Seagoe P.E. School. Dr. Reid made his annual medical inspection of the school on April 27th. Preparations are now being made for the School Sports, which will be held before the summer holidays. The grounds around the school look very nice just now with the budding trees and spring flowers. The horticultural class is very busy at work in the school garden. Mr. Ingold, the Government Inspector, visited the garden last month and was greatly pleased with its arrangement.

**Our Summer Migrants.**

Owing to the lateness of the season our summer migrants have been somewhat late in arriving. The swallow was seen in Seagoe on Wednesday, April 13th, and the cuckoo was heard on Monday, April 25th, but no report has yet come in of the cornerake, which was due to arrive on April 16th. The colony of crows which has frequented Seagoe Grove for 60 years, has met with a certain degree of difficulty in nest-building owing to the fierce and cold winds of early April. After, no doubt, carefully considering the situation almost half of the colony have migrated to the tall trees at the Rectory gate, where they are at present very busy building new nests.

**Parish Register for April.  
Baptisms.**

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on April 2nd, 1932:—

**M'Loughlin**—Maurice Aubrey, son of Robert John and Margaret Elizabeth M'Loughlin, of Drumnagoon.

*Sponsors*—Florence M'Loughlin, Margaret Elizabeth M'Loughlin.

**Milligan**—Enid Mary, daughter of Robert Geo. and Ellen Milligan, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Mary Milligan, Ellen Milligan.

**Haire**—William John, son of Joseph and Hannah Haire, of Killicomaine.

*Sponsors*—Mary Jane Haire, Hannah Haire.

**M'Kane**—David Albert, son of David and Margaret M'Kane, of Ballymacrandle.

*Sponsors*—Anne Eliza M'Kane, Margaret M'Kane.

**Forbes**—Rebecca Ruby Maria, daughter of Thos. William and Rebecca Forbes, of Hacknahay.

*Sponsors*—Ruby Maria Elliott, Ellen Moffatt.

**Hall**—Dorothy Phyllis, daughter of Alfred James and Sarah Hall, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Alfred James Hall, Kathleen Boyce, Sarah Boyce.

**Mulligan**—James Ivan, son of William James and Dorothy Jane Mulligan, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Sharpe, Dorothy Jane Mulligan.

**Marriage.**

**Freeburn and Liggett**—21st April, 1932, Edmund Freeburn, of Portadown, to Violet Liggett, of Edenderry.

**Burials.**

**M'Cullough**—April 18th, Lily M'Cullough, of Knockmena, aged 11 months. Interred at Donaghcloney.

**Campbell**—April 19th, Jean Campbell, of Balteagh, aged 7 years.

**Sunday School Excursion.**

The Sunday School excursion to Bangor will (p.v.) be held on Thursday, June 16th. It promises to be a great success. Many of the Sunday School children are paying in their pennies already. The price of the children's tickets will be announced shortly in the Sunday Schools and in the next Magazine. The price of outsiders' tickets will be 2/9 each. Spades and buckets are already being thought about.

**ITEMS**

We have received some very interesting

Queensland papers from Mrs. Nesbitt, of Ashgrove, Brisbane, who is a regular subscriber to the Magazine.

The flowers \* \* \* \* \* the Church at Easter were sent to the Hospital in Lurgan and were much appreciated.

The Edenderry Men's Bible Class has subscribed £1 towards the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society and £1 to Foreign Missions. They have also very generously given help to some cases of poverty in the Parish.

We regret to think that there are some cases of real poverty in the Parish. The amount available for the Poor Fund is quite inadequate to meet such cases. There must be a more liberal distribution of outdoor relief, even though it means a raising of the rates. People must not be allowed to starve. Some children have been sent to schools in the Parish without their breakfast on several occasions.

**A Link Severed.**

We regret very much the closing of the shop so long occupied by the late Mr. John Waugh in Portadown, and the consequent disappearance from our columns of the advertisement which has been familiar to our readers for 27 years, ever since the Magazine came into existence. Mr. Waugh and his sisters were always much interested in the Magazine and from its start subscribed to it. Mr. Waugh's shop had been in existence for over 100 years.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago.  
MAY, 1907.**

Seagoe Parish Magazine for May, 1907, contains a great variety of Parish news. The new Churchwardens are Major Stewart Blacker and Mr. George Calvert. Three of the then Vestry are still in 1932 members of the Vestry, David Rock, T. E. Maginnis and Thos. Martin. There is a long note expressing regret at the departure from the Parish of the Curate, the Rev. John Taylor. Mr. Taylor officiated for the last time in the Church on Sunday evening, April 28th. In the Church attendance returns 12 Edenderry girls and 4 Edenderry boys had not missed a Sunday Service during the quarter ending March 31st. Six Baptisms, one Marriage and nine Burials are recorded. A set of Questions for Sunday School Teachers and scholars are printed. Captain Atack, of the Church Army, has begun work in the Parish. Preparations are being made for a Sale of Work to be held on June 6th.

**Lectures at Carne.**

A series of Lectures on cookery and kindred subjects will begin in Carne Church Hall on

Thursday, May 12th, at 7 p.m. They have been arranged by the Armagh County Council. We recommend our readers in that district to avail themselves of this useful opportunity for acquiring useful knowledge on important subjects.

### Old Seagoe Notes.

**Formation of a Sustentation Fund.**—At Disestablishment the formation of a Sustentation Fund became an urgent necessity. A meeting of "select vestrymen" was held in Seagoe School House on Wednesday evening, June 22nd, 1870, Archdeacon Saurin being in the chair. The following resolutions were unanimously passed:—That application be made to the Landed Proprietors of the Parish for contributions towards Sustentation Fund. 2—That collectors be appointed for each townland and that immediate action be taken to see what amount would be likely to be realised, and that a deputation be appointed to wait on the residents of the Parish who would be likely to support a Sustentation Fund. 3—Resolved that Thomas Wm. Atkinson, Esq., Bank of Ireland, be appointed Treasurer to Sustentation Fund.

**The Landed Proprietors of Seagoe Parish in 1870 with their private addresses.**—A list of Landed Proprietors of the Parish, with their private addresses, occupies a whole page of the Records. It is signed "James Saurin, Chairman, 10th August, 1870." Here is the list:—"His Grace the Duke of Manchester, London; Rt. Hon. Lord Lurgan, Lurgan; Stewart Blacker, Esq., Carrick-Blacker, Portadown; Mrs. George Blacker, do.; Baroness Von Stieglitz, do.; Francis W. Heath, Esq., Mr. Carleton's, Portadown; John W. Greer, Esq., Lurgan; John Y. Burgess, Esq., Parkanore, Dungannon; Mrs. Cuppage, Silverwood; Francis Fulton Meade, Esq., Dublin; Dr. Leney, Montiaghs, Lurgan; Lord E. H. Trevor, Church N.W.; John M'Cann, Esq., Moyraverty, Lurgan; John Moore, Esq., Kilkeel, Co. Down; Levingston Thomson, Esq., Wicklow; John Richardson, Esq., Moy; Robert Morris, Esq., Lurgan; Jas. Robinson, Esq., Clady; Rev. W. C. Moore, David Ruddell, Esq., Peacefield, Portadown; Francis Greer, Esq., Dungannon; Mr. Carleton, Portadown; Rev. W. Redmond, Moorfield House, Moortown, Leeds; Richard M'Cann, Esq., Castlebellingham; John H. Adams, Esq., Northlands, Carrickmacross; Wolsey Atkinson, Esq., Eden Villa, Portadown; Mrs. James Walker, Edenderry, Portadown; T. Armstrong, Esq., Eden Hall, Portadown.

**The Select Vestry Comes Into Action.**—A meeting of the Select Vestrymen was held in Seagoe School on Wednesday, Aug. 10th, 1870, Archdeacon Saurin in the chair. It was resolved unanimously that the Parish would undertake

the care of the fabric of the Church in order to pay its insurance. The following is a list of the Select Vestrymen present—Robert Reid, Wm. Vaughan, Alex. Russell, Charles Twinem, John Montgomery, Leonard Jennett, Joseph Lawson James Atkinson. Collectors were appointed as follows—Leonard Jennett and Leonard Calver for Knock, Ballyhannon, Hacknahay, Drumcanvey, Carrick, Breagh, and Ballymacrandle Thomas Armstrong, junr., and Joseph Lawson for Edenderry and Levaghery. Robert Best and Wm. Vaughan for Killicomaine, Bocombra and Lylo. Robert Reid and John Montgomery for Tarson, Derryvore, Carn, and Ballinacor. Abram M'Coun and Alex. Russell for Drumgon Clanrole and Knockmena. Charles Twinem and James Atkinson for Seagoe Upper and Lower Lisniskey and Kernan. Henry Lavery and Joseph M'Coun for Druminagoon, Tammificarbet Kilvirgin, Aughacommon, Tammifiglasson and Balteagh. Samuel Hewitt and James Millar for Boconnell, Knockramer, Silverwood, Analois Kinigo, Ballinamoney and Turmoyra.

**Gift of an Acre in the School Lane.**—The Rev. R. M'Walter presided over a meeting of Select Vestrymen held in the Schoolhouse on Thursday Dec. 29th, 1870. Mr. James Atkinson was appointed Secretary, Mr. Wolsey Atkinson and Mr. John Montgomery joint Treasurers, Mr. Thomas Armstrong, junr., and Mr. Joseph Lawson Auditors. It was resolved that the present choir be continued and to be paid the sum of £ yearly. It was proposed that Mr. Wolsey Atkinson and Mr. John Montgomery should wait on the Archdeacon in order to have the acre of Land which he proposed to give to the School lane (sic) that the Lease may be got perfected. Robert MacWalter, Chairman.

**The First Easter Vestry after Disestablishment.**—The Act of Disestablishment came into force on January 1st, 1871, and the first Easter Vestry in Seagoe was held in the Parochial Schoolhouse on April 10th, 1871. Mr. Thomas Armstrong, junr., and Mr. Robert Reid were appointed Churchwardens. Wolsey Atkinson, T. Armstrong, junr., John Montgomery, Abram M'Coun, Henry Lavery and Joseph M'Cann were appointed Lay Members of the Diocesan Synod. The three Parochial Nominators appointed at the last Vestry were now confirmed. It was proposed by Stewart Blacker, and seconded by John Montgomery, that the collections for the Sustentation Fund be placed with the Representative Body, with the special proviso that it be reserved for the future endowment of this Parish, purchase of Glebe House and land, etc. [The record of this Vestry is signed by Robert Reid, chairman. Apparently neither the Archdeacon nor his Curate were present.]